

## **Patterson,Robert (HHSC)**

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**From:** Garcia,Ricky (DSHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 3:11 PM  
**To:** Hicks,Patricia (DSHS)  
**Cc:** Dauster,Nicholas (DSHS)  
**Subject:** Re: Real Alternatives

Can you guys check with HHSC - if that's the case lets get back with her to let her know, and do a warm handoff with HHSC External Relations.

Thanks

Ricky Garcia  
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On Nov 20, 2013, at 3:08 PM, "Hicks,Patricia (DSHS)" <[Patricia.Hicks@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Patricia.Hicks@dshs.state.tx.us)> wrote:

Ricky,

This might be the program she is referring to:

### **Alternatives to Abortion**

The Alternatives to Abortion program provides low-income pregnant women with pregnancy and parenting information and supports such as:

- Counseling referral and pregnancy information hotline, 1-888-Life-Aid or 1-888-543-3243.
- Texas Pregnancy Care Network website, [www.texaspregnancy.org](http://www.texaspregnancy.org).
- Support groups in maternity homes.
- Referrals to community and social service programs such as child-care, transportation, housing, and state and federal benefit programs.
- Classes on life skills, budgeting, parenting, stress management and General Education Development (GED).
- Items such as car seats, maternity clothes, infant diapers and formula.

Olivia found it on the following HHSC link: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/providers/FACS/#abortion>

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**From:** Garcia,Ricky (DSHS)  
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**Cc:** Dauster,Nicholas (DSHS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Real Alternatives

Patricia can you check with FCHS on this - see if folks know where to refer her.

Thanks

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Craig, Lindsey M" <[LCraig@gov.IN.gov](mailto:LCraig@gov.IN.gov)>  
**Date:** November 19, 2013 2:34:26 PM CST  
**To:** "Garcia,Ricky (DSHS)" <[Ricky.Garcia@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Ricky.Garcia@dshs.state.tx.us)>  
**Subject:** Real Alternatives

Hey Ricky-

I've got another question for you... could you help connect me with the person in your state who would oversee the Real Alternatives program? It's usually funded with partially/or fully TANF dollars. Indiana is looking at bringing the program to our state and wondered what Texas' experience had been. If you need more background info from me let me know. Thanks for any direction you can provide!

*Lindsey Craig*

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